

20. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

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Cashmere Residents Association – Consultation

At the August meeting of the Cashmere Residents Association officers discussed the consultation process for the new toilet block to replace existing facilities at the Sign of the Takahe. Association members appreciated an opportunity to discuss the process and to put forward their views on how it should be run before it is started.

Participation South Christchurch

A meeting of resident and Reference Group members was held to discuss the development of an interactive website. The object of which is to assist participation in community/Council processes and provide a forum for the expression of views and opinions relating to community issues.

In addition to a bulletin board/chat room, suggestions for content included directory information and links to other community sites. It was also suggested that assistance could be given to small businesses in Spreydon-Heathcote by providing opportunities for informative advertising and articles.

Business Liaison Officer

With the assistance of Canterbury Development Corporation an application is being made for Task Force Green and ACE subsidies for a Business Liaison Officer.

The need for some form of assistance in this area is evident from the number of requests for advice and assistance we receive from retailers in small suburban shopping centres.

Staff will be meeting shortly with representatives of Selwyn Street business people to advise on options for promoting their area. A meeting is also to be held with an agent for landlords of retail properties to canvas views and ideas that may help to halt the decline in some of these areas.

Addington Commercial Area Study

The study completed in 1993 examined options for the development of the Addington commercial area. Some progress was made with implementing elements of the study until 1995 when the Addington Business Association went into recess. Subsequent co-ordination difficulties prevented further progress and the study was shelved.

It was suggested that the Business Association may now wish to revive this study as part of a 'Mainstreet' programme which could involve other community groups.

The Council now has a Mainstreet Co-ordinator who can provide advice and assistance in the development of an overall strategy for the implementation of a programme.

With the establishment of networking between the Business Association, Manuka Cottage and Addington Neighbourhood Association and the establishment of Addington•Net, the time may be right to seek community support and involvement. While the Council can facilitate the process it is an essential element of the 'Mainstreet' programme that the drive comes from the community itself.

Discussions are to be held with community representatives in the near future.

Street Disturbances

A spate of vandalism has prompted a public meeting organised by local business people to be held at Cashmere Club on 25 August 2001. The outcome of this meeting will be known when the Board next meets. Concurrently discussions are being held with the Police Strategic Traffic Unit regarding further operations in the area.

Advertising on Buses

At its 31 July 2001 meeting the Board resolved that advertising of city-wide heritage sites on buses during Heritage Week be referred to the Environment Committee for consideration.

The advice of Penny Walton, the Council's Advertising Production Co-ordinator, has been sought and a number of options are under review, including the production of a television film.

Local Government (Rating) Bill

This Bill was recently introduced into Parliament and repeals the Rating Powers Act 1988. The position regarding submissions and a closing date has not yet been clarified.

Heritage Week

Heritage Week is to be held from 12 to 19 October 2001. Invitations to participate have been sent to residents, business and community groups. Prospective participants are responding directly to the Heritage Week co-ordinators who will advise us in due course as to events to be in the programme.

Library/Service Centre Project Control Group

The process of selecting an architect is underway with an appointment expected in early September. Full details of the consultation are included in a memorandum to Board members dated 24 August 2001. Arrangements are currently being made for consultation with youth and the elderly.

Play Spaces and Parks – Seminar

All Board members are invited to a seminar at which Councillor Sally Buck, Chris Fourie and Kevin Williams of Parks and Waterways Unit will make their presentation which was given earlier to the Parks and Recreation Committee "Providing Spaces for Play, Responding to the Challenge".

The seminar will be held at Burwood-Pegasus Community Board's meeting room at the Ascot Community Centre, 12 Ascot Avenue on 18 September 2001 at 4pm. Board members should indicate their interest to the Burwood-Pegasus Community Secretary.

Developments

BP Service Station – Cnr Hoon Hay and Sparks Road

A decision is expected by the week ending 24 August 2001 on the application to expand the BP Service Centre. This will result in the closing of five other shops at this site.

Cup Restaurant – Dyers Pass Road

The Restaurant is to be extended to include the hairdressers premises next door. The extension is to accommodate an increased need for kitchen space, not to increase the seating capacity.

Emergency Power Generation

Orion has requested global consent in the Business 5 zone to install emergency power plants when and if needed. The purpose is to ensure business continuance in the event of power cuts in the main supply system.

Winery Shalamar Drive

A certificate of compliance has been issued for a wine making facility in Shalamar Drive adjacent to an existing five hectare vineyard. The facility will be installed in converted stables on the premises.

Community Visioning

A descriptive leaflet is attached regarding the workshop to be held in Christchurch on Tuesday 18 September 2001. The workshop is intended to provide the perspectives, tools and resources that will enable participants to develop strategic plans for their community's future.

Registration costs are \$200 plus GST per person.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That two Board members attend the Community Visioning workshop.